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Jay Gould is now a regular church-goer. There may yet some good come out of Gould.

The new states of the territories of Dakota, Wyoming and Washington, are occupying the attention of Congress.

Blaine is discoursing on preachers and preaching. What Blaine doesn't know about preachers, Burchard does.

Kansas City is organizing an improvement company. We have waited long for an improvement company in Dodge. The city needs it.

The New Year promises largely for Dodge City. No Dodge citizen walks along with a boom in his hand, but his quiet pace argues well for the certainty of getting there.

The Attorney General has secured the conviction of a whisky seller in Leavenworth, and the Times of that city proposes the attorney general for Governor two years hence. Virtue has its own reward.

U. S. Senator John A. Logan, died in Washington on Sunday afternoon, after a short illness. Gen. Logan's career was one of the most eventful ones in the history of the United States. His death will be sincerely regretted by thousands of people in the Union. The news of this sad event created profound sorrow.

Attorney General Bradford after laboring two years has secured the conviction of one saloon keeper in Leavenworth. There are about two hundred saloons in that place. By a simple mathematical calculation, it will be seen that he can complete the work in four hundred years. This is what you might call Republican gradual extirpation.

The Hodgeman County Coal and Mining Company are now fully organized with a strong working capital paid in. The company will now commence to develop the mine as rapidly as possible. All the force that can be worked will be put in and the most improved machinery used. The company expects to be able to furnish a good supply of coal within the next thirty days. The stock is selling rapidly.—Orwell Times.

It is not the loud-talking, boisterous man, of rant and racket, who is the strong man. It is not the man who deals blow for blow, and is ever warring about his manhood's rights, and challenges the world to wrest them from him, who is the strong man.

Did you ever see a man stand unmoved and unswayed amid the world's buffets and wrongs, and with a calm majesty of bearing maintain his foothold, and bravely do his duty with no word of cheer from his fellows, and no hope of reward from the world? This is the man spiritually strong, standing erect as if carved out of adamant when conquering himself and his will to measure out mercy to others as it had been meted out to him.

A Corn Country.
Orange Judd, editor of the Prairie Farmer, says: "Western Kansas will become the finest corn growing country in the world."

The Kal Vesta Herald describes some Hodgeman county corn as follows:

"Jonathan Simmons, who is the fortunate possessor of a farm adjoining the town site on the south, brought to our office this morning twenty ears of corn raised by him last season which cannot be excelled, both as to size and quality. The ears measured from eleven to thirteen inches in length, the grains are deep and large and the corn is fully matured in every particular. When we consider that this is the first crop ever raised on his land and yielded about 50 bushels per acre, it seems almost incredible, but Mr. Simmons is ready at any time to verify these statements. Jonathan was advised by his father and others most concerned in his welfare, not to go further west than Sumner county, as nothing could be successfully produced west of Sumner. Everybody should come and examine our many advantages and resources for farming before emigrating to other portions of Kansas."

The D. M. & A.

In an interview with a reporter of Garden City, Kans. Sentinel, J. J. Burns, president of the D. M. & A., said:

"Our line now has cars running from Chetopa, Kans., to the west of Sedan. Also from the Arkansas river at Belle Plain to Turon, in Reno county, a distance of 80 miles. We have a large force closing up the gap between the eastern division and the Arkansas river. West of Turon the road is graded and ready for the track to a point within 12 miles of Larned. On the southwest extension we are grading from the southwest line of Reno to Lika, the county seat of Pratt county, from whence we go southwest striking every important point southwest of the Arkansas river, down into the Panhandle country."

The D. M. & A. system has built over 500 miles into Kansas thus far, and next year expects to duplicate it, if it does not build three times as much. It is intended to be a complete network of railroads throughout western and southwestern Kansas, or, as Marsh Murdoch says: "Next year we expect to reach every important point in southwestern Kansas."

Prayer.

Call upon me and I will answer thee, and show the wonders which thou knowest not. Jer. 33:3.

One of these texts is the language of God in a promise to answer prayer; the other is the language of one who has tested the promise and found it true. This experience gave him confidence in God.

There are many reasons for prayer, among which are the following:

1. Excellence should be admired and supreme excellence adored. This is a reason for adoration in prayer to God. 2. The recipient of blessings should be grateful for the blessings received. Man was not created to live like beasts that perish; to receive innumerable blessings from God and not offer a prayer of gratitude to the giver of all good.

3. Those who are dependent should ask for what they think they need. This is universally accepted in our relations with men, and is equally reasonable in our relation as dependent beings upon God. Thus prayer antecedent to the bestowal of spiritual blessings is as reasonable as labor antecedent to the bestowal of temporal blessings. Labor may supply our temporal wants, while prayer supplies the spiritual.

There are five important laws that may be called the laws of prayer:

1st. The prayer must be for that which is agreeable to God's will. Our children ask us for many things that we withhold from them because we see the things they desire would injure them. What are we but ignorant children? I will ask my Heavenly Father for what I think I need, and trust Him to give me what He sees I ought to have.

2. There must be a pure life. "The faithful fervent prayer of the righteous man availeth much." To ask God to give to us the highest spiritual good while indulging in habitual sins, thus ignoring all the conditions by which spiritual blessings are obtained, is mockery.

3. Forgiveness of our enemies is a condition of prevailing prayer. "If ye forgive not men their trespasses neither will your Heavenly Father forgive you."

4. Faith in God's willingness to give to us spiritual blessings is another condition. To doubt that God has plainly declared, is to regard Him as a liar, and renders us altogether unworthy of His choicest blessings.

5. Our prayers must be accompanied with earnest deeds. "We are to work as if all depended upon ourselves, and pray as if all depended upon God." Thus by uniting the human and the Divine we attain success.

It is sometimes urged that prayer is contrary to law. I answer it is in perfect harmony with the law. "Ask and ye shall receive." But it is urged that it is contrary to natural law. I answer: Natural law does not control spiritual forces. Natural law applies to natural things. Spiritual law applies to spiritual things. There is a universal law that "weaker forces yield to the stronger." A God of infinite power, acting in harmony with that law, can control every power in the universe for the accomplishment of his purposes.

Men counteract the laws of gravitation and cohesion in bringing the rock from the quarry, and timber from the forest. They apply stronger forces and the weaker yield. Why should God not do the same?

A tramp may light a match that would consume a city; but some day that God could send down fire from Heaven in answer to the prayer of Elijah to consume a sacrifice.

Cyrus could turn the tide of the river Euphrates around the city of Babylon, and march his army into the city upon the bed of the river. But some day that a God could drive back the Red Sea with a strong east wind so that the children of Israel could pass through as on dry land.

The keeper of a menagerie can subdue wild animals and put his hand in the lion's mouth and ride upon the elephant's back but he will not believe that God could preserve Daniel in the lion's den.

A watchmaker can stop the running of a watch and turn back the machinery without harm, but he will not believe that God could cause the sun to stand still at the cry of Joshua, and establish his own supremacy among the gods of the heathen.

John Knox put the lever of prayer under Scotland and shook it from center to circumference. The men who have been mighty in the world's greatest work, have been men of strong faith, pure lives and earnest prayer.

Fifty persons in this church have covenanted to pray for revival. It is enough to shake the foundations of sin, and make all Hell to tremble.

The above is a synopsis of a sermon delivered by Rev. G. Lowther, on Sunday, Dec. 19th.

DRUNKENNESS, OR LIQUOR HABIT, CAN BE CURED BY ADMINISTERING DR. HAINES' GOLDEN SPECIFIC.

It can be given in a cup of coffee or tea without the knowledge of the person taking it, effecting a speedy and effective cure, whether the patient is a moderate drinker or an alcoholic wreck. Thousands of drunkards have been made temperate men who have taken the Golden Specific in their cups without their knowledge, and to-day believe they quit drinking of their own free will. No harmful effects result from its administration. Cures guaranteed. Send for circular and free particulars. Address in confidence. Golden Specific Co., 185 Race St., Cincinnati, Ohio.

A GOOD TIME TO COME TO KANSAS.

There never was a better time to come to Kansas than now, and that is saying a good deal. The land is mostly owned by individuals, and that, of course, cannot be had now, except those tracts which are for sale, and they are held at fair figures. There is still a good deal of land in the western counties subject to homestead and preemption, and that being taken up rapidly, so that government land will not long be found in Kansas, except here and there a quarter section or a 40 acre lot too rocky for agricultural uses.

There has been such a rapid settlement west during the past two years that it is hardly worth while for a new comer to spend much time hunting for government land. The best way to do in such a case is to write to a friend in the county you want to locate and ask him to ascertain for you whether there is still a piece of land for you, and he will know just what to do to help you. There is a good deal of good land yet vacant, but the settlers in the vicinity know more about it than any body else outside the land office.

But there are other considerations than the mere piece of land. If an immigrant is able to purchase land already somewhat improved, he is better off, for he has one year the start of him that takes up all raw land. Partly improved lands in desirable locations can be purchased at reasonable prices. The great body of the farmers do not want to dispose of their lands, because they are content with what they have; still, there are always dissatisfied persons who are ready to sell anything they have. With a thousand dollars ready money, besides team and necessary farm equipment, any industrious, frugal man can now do well almost anywhere in the western half of the state by buying a new farm with part of the land brook.

Those who have means to pay for well improved farms, can do better still, for they can go at once into possession of improvements already made. They will have a dwelling house, with all necessary conveniences about the place, ready to enjoy and ready for use in money making. Money in hand is always handy, and it is especially useful in buying Kansas farming lands which have had some cultivation.

But there are other advantages to the newcomers now which the early settlers did not enjoy. There is but little indication of border life in any part of the state. The cowboy towns have all been removed to regions beyond our limits. Where dance houses once were we now have school houses and churches. Society is fast settling into grooves, and social affairs run smoothly as anywhere. Nobody need now dread any of the accompaniments of frontier life in Kansas, for all that is passed. We have nearly seven thousand teachers at work now within the state. Religious denominations are organized in every town, with regular church services and Sunday schools. The rivers are all bridged, and so are most of the creeks, all of them where it is at all necessary. Railroads traverse the state in all directions. Twelve hundred miles of new track have been laid since last New Year's day. Nearly every county has one or more roads, and next year will witness an increased mileage, greater than this one has done.

Aside from all the conveniences of older communities, prices of articles used by families are no higher in Kansas than they are in Indiana or Illinois. Lumber used for building and for fences is very low, ranging from \$2 to \$4 per thousand feet; furniture is low; so are all kinds of groceries. Sugar sells in Topeka at 6 to 10 cents a pound, and other articles proportionately cheap. Kansas people are now in good condition in every respect, so that strangers when they come to live with us will find things in shape for the boom that is on and growing right along. It is a good time to come now because we have passed the border stage and are wearing the clothes of civilization.—Topeka Capital.

TWO PAPERS FOR TWO DOLLARS.

We will send the Topeka Weekly Capital and Dodge City Times, one year, for \$2. Subscribers who are in arrears can pay up and receive the benefit of the two papers. The Capital furnishes all the legislative doings and state news. It is the official state paper.

THE VERDICT UNANIMOUS.

W. D. Salt, Druggist, Bapine, Ind., testifies: "I can recommend Electric Bitters as the best remedy. Every bottle sold has given relief in every case. One man took six bottles, and was cured of rheumatism of 10 years' standing." Abraham Hare, druggist, Belleville, Ohio, affirms: "The best selling medicine I have ever handled in my 20 years' experience, is Electric Bitters." Thousands of others have added their testimony, so that the verdict is unanimous that Electric Bitters do cure all diseases of the Liver, Kidneys or Blood. Only a half dollar a bottle at City Drug Store.

EXCITEMENT IN TEXAS.

Great excitement has been caused in the vicinity of Paris, Tex., by the remarkable recovery of Mr. J. E. Corley, who was so hopeless he could not turn in bed or raise his head, everybody said he was dying of Consumption. A trial bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery was sent him. Finding relief, he bought a large bottle and a box of Dr. King's New Life Pills; by the time he had taken two boxes of Pills and two bottles of the Discovery, he was well and had gained in flesh thirty-four pounds.

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The undersigned is prepared to do all kinds of rag carpet weaving. All kinds of carpet chain constantly on hand, and ready-made carpets for sale. Address Wm. H. GILLARD, Kinsley, Kas.

HARD STORMS NOT NEW.

We frequently hear the remark that the storm of last week was the worst ever known in Western Kansas so early in the season. We distinctly remember a storm, which occurred early in November, 1872, in which the writer of this and District Clerk Chase were snowed up in a hunter's camp at Grinnell, on the Kansas Pacific. The storm was fully equal in violence to that of last week, and the temperature was much lower. Do you not remember it Billy?—Norton Courier.

The above, from the pen of Mr. J. H. Simmons, who has lived in Norton county for so many years, is likely to let in a flood of light on the worst storm-soon-to-early-in-the-season people. As history, Mr. Simmons' statement will stand uncontradicted.

Lurking among Mr. Simmons' remarks concerning the weather in western Kansas not being new, is the suggestion of a proposition which have often been tempted to make on reading in the newspapers published out here that the winters are growing colder, as the result of the country changing to be suitable for farming purposes. Our proposition in answer to this sentiment—for it is a sentiment, if not a dream—is that the buffalo grass will have to go before this climatic change will come with perceptible force. There are the same reasons for predicting a coming change of some magnitude in our climate as there are for believing the buffalo grass must go. We believe that the buffalo grass must go, but we know, by eight years of inspection, that it is not going in a hurry.

He lives to but poor purposes in western Kansas who fails to accommodate himself to her conditions, instead of persisting that she shall, without the lapse of time, kick Nature overboard, and do his bidding.—Wa-Keeney World.

Coming To Kansas.

All the winter long there will be hundreds, yes; thousands of people coming to Kansas. In the eastern states land is high. The soil is old and worn and foul and hard to cultivate. Rents are high, and the farmer who rents stands but little show of even a good living. People realize this fully and they only have to look back a decade or two and see how the wealthy farmers then acquired their homes and in many cases wealth. They did when the country was new, when they could buy land for less per acre than they now get rent each year. The advantages offered in homes for the homeless in Kansas are no puzzle, but stand out clear and bold to the view of all. It will be only a few years when land will be as high in Kansas as it now is in Indiana and Illinois. Rich quarter sections that can now be bought for a low compensation, will in a few years be quoted at six to ten thousand. This is not guess work; it is history repeating itself.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Land Office at Garden City, Kans., Dec. 2, 1886. Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before Clerk District Court, Ford County, Kansas, on Saturday, January 20th, 1887, viz: Charles Henry Wright, Pre-emption D. S. for sw 1/4 sec 3, twp 28s, range 24w. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, said land, viz: C. L. Scott, J. S. Bright, J. S. Salin, C. H. Alderson all of Dodge City, Kansas, on January 19th, 1887. C. F. M. NILES, Register.

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The Sleeping Sleeper.

[From the San Diego (Cal.) Union.] A sleeper is that in which the sleeper sleeps. A sleeper is that on which the sleeper which carries the sleeper while he sleeps runs. Therefore, while the sleeper sleeps in the sleeper the sleeper carries the sleeper over the sleeper under the sleeper until the sleeper which carries the sleeper jumps off the sleeper and wakes the sleeper in the sleeper by striking the sleeper under the sleeper, and there is no longer any sleeper sleeping in the sleeper on the sleeper.

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